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Military Holds Possession of Stations - Parliament Decides Not to Adjourn - Conditions More Serious in Outlying Districts.

By Associated Press.
London, Aug. 18.—The struggle between the railway companies and the striking union employees is on in dead earnest today.

Thousands have obeyed the strike order and other thousands have continued at work. The companies are operating their principal trains under modified schedules.

The government and the board of trade are continuing their efforts to bring peace, but without indications of immediate success.

There has been rioting at Birmingham, Derby, Sheffield and at Aneley, Wales.

The government views the war as so grave that parliament should not adjourn as had been expected today, but will continue prepared to adopt any emergency legislation the moment it is necessary.

London, Aug. 18.—At noon the strike ordered last night by the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants and allied organizations of employees had been only a partial success. Some of the railway lines were operating very few trains, while on other roads the service was practically normal.

The military held possession of the stations along the lines, but not for the purpose at present of interfering in the strike except to protect men desiring to work and guard the property of the companies.

Meantime, the government continued its efforts to avert a general stoppage of the transport service of the country. Sir John Buxton, president of the board of trade, who had an early morning call from Viscount Richard D. Haldane, secretary of state for war, again met the railway managers.

The officials of the union were in session at Unity Hall considering the government's suggestion for the appointment of a royal commission which could investigate and report what amendments, if any, should be made to the existing agreement now existing between the owners and the employees, explained by Chancellor David Lloyd-George in the house of commons last night.

When the suggestion of a royal commission was made by Premier Asquith yesterday it was accepted by the managers but rejected by the men who seemed to feel that such an arrangement would mean a long delay in the adjustment of their grievances.

The chancellor explained that the men had misunderstood the premier's proposal. It was intended, he said, to give them fair play and not "to lure out of their hands the great weapon of striking."

The plan was to appoint a commission of three, one from the railroad company, one from the strikers and the third, the chairman, a man well known for his impartiality. Its members would be approached on Saturday and its deliberations begin on Monday. The chancellor said that he had not given up hope that the employees would accept this arrangement when its purposes were thoroughly understood.

The statement of the chancellor had much to do with preventing a more general response to the leaders call for a strike. Many even of the union men, were reluctant to quit so long as there was a possibility of their grievances being considered by an impartial body.

Some 50,000 troops arrived in London during the night and early morning found them encamped at points where they were available according to a plan worked out months ago by a commission composed of railroad men and military men appointed to adopt a scheme for protecting these lines in the event of a foreign invasion.

The plan worked perfectly last night and long before Londoners were about this morning the various military units were at their posts.

Should the strike become general, the soldiers could help but little in moving the trains as there are only three companies of royal engineers. They, however, are able to protect the tracks and the men working. The orders to the military officers in this connection are strict. There is to be no firing over the heads of the mob in case of a riot, but after the riot act has been read, ball cartridges, with one hundred rounds of which each soldier has been supplied, are to be used.

tion in the dome of the St. Paul's cathedral, from which they kept the different units in touch with the general staff at the war office.

Scarcely any of the railway lines centering at London afforded a complete service and even the underground and tube systems were affected to some extent. Commuters this morning in many cases took the street railway or buses to avoid the crush at the railway stations and in the tubes where the elevator men caused trouble by joining the strikers after working two hours.

London's elaborate underground system, including the Metropolitan District Railway, had difficulty in operating because of strike of the men at one station, Eastham, through which no trains could pass. Thus at times traffic was helped up for a considerable period.

The union leaders this afternoon express themselves satisfied with the result of the strike orders. They claimed that 200,000 men had quit work.

James Henry Thomas, labor member of parliament for Derby and assistant secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, issued a statement in which he asserted that the strikers had almost paralyzed the whole railway system of the United Kingdom.

The government proposal for a royal commission was considered by joint committee of the railway societies during the forenoon, but the men did not change their positions that the managers must deal directly with them.

Conditions in Provinces.
The conditions in the provinces were somewhat more serious than in and about London. Early in the day word came from Birmingham that West England was completely cut off.

Passenger trains on the Midland Railway in other directions were running as usual, but freight traffic on some branches had been stopped. There was some disorder at Birmingham.

At Manchester business was at a standstill as the teamsters were still out.

At Liverpool the chaos was complete. With the exception of a few incoming trains, all of which were late, the train service at Liverpool was practically suspended. The three passenger stations in that city were besieged with passengers and the platforms were piled high with baggage belonging chiefly to Americans who had gone there with the hope of securing passage to America on outgoing liners.

The companies were compelled to discontinue selling tickets.

Throughout Wales, where the unions are strong, there was almost a total stoppage of traffic. No trains were able to get through to Fishguard.

As the day progressed more serious reports came in. Strikers took possession of the railway line at Llanelly, a seaport of Wales, and succeeded in repulsing the police, who attempted to drive them off. At several out of the way places in Wales signal boxes were burned.

Some 200 men employed on the Calcutta Railway went out and efforts were made to bring about a general strike in Scotland. The threat to call a general strike of teamsters throughout the country is thought not likely to be enforced, as the men appear satisfied with the settlement recently reached.

An interesting incident was noted at Euston station, where the police were escorting boxes containing strike pay from the station to the offices of the union.

New York Feels Effect.
New York, Aug. 18.—The effects of the strike in Liverpool are beginning to be felt by New York merchants. Merchandise that is wanted badly has not arrived and agents on the other side cable that it is impossible to ship the goods. Many orders are being cancelled, as the late receipt of the goods would be of no value to American firms.

Rioting Occurs.
Birmingham, Eng., Aug. 18.—Sharp hand-to-hand fighting between police and strikers occurred here this afternoon during attempts to restock the wholesale meat markets, which are practically empty. Wagons were unloaded at the railway depot, but as soon as they appeared on the street, they were charged upon by the strikers and upset. The only wagons that got through were those moved after the arrival of strong police reinforcements. Transportation service is in a chaotic state.

Refuse to Obey Strike Order.
Belfast, Ireland, Aug. 18.—The railroad men here refused to obey the strike order to quit work and business proceeded as usual today.

Parliament Not to Adjourn.
So critical does the government regard the strike situation and so urgent may be the need of instant legislation that the cabinet suddenly decided this afternoon that parliament not adjourn today, as had been arranged.

Chancellor Lloyd-George, who was leading the government forces in the house of commons in the absence of Premier Asquith, made the announcement just before the lower chambers session was suspended for luncheon.

—Mr. J. A. Clinard leaves Tuesday for a trip North. He goes first to Atlantic City and from there to New York.



Clothes Made of Wood Are the Latest Novelty in England.

Ninety-five Miles In Air Line Was Atwood's Program

By Associated Press.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 18.—Harry N. Atwood's program for his 95-mile flight to Erie, Pa., was to be completed today. He was scheduled to start at 12 o'clock, however, the wind began to die down and he announced that if there was no change in conditions, he would start about 2 p. m.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 18.—Ninety-five miles in an air line to Erie, Pa., was Harry N. Atwood's schedule for his aeroplane flight today. Atwood, who already has covered more than half of the 1,265 miles of his proposed flight from St. Louis to New York to establish a new world's cross-country aeroplane record, said he did not expect to leave Cleveland until some time after 12 o'clock.

If he lands at Erie for the night it will be the shortest one day run he has made since he left St. Louis last Monday. However, he said if he found the weather favorable, he might reascend at Erie and continue on to Buffalo.

He probably will sail over Ashtabula, O., without stopping although there is a possibility he may alight there for a brief rest.

"A leisurely sail today," said Atwood as he went out to test his biplane. "When I landed in Cleveland I found I was just 10 1/2 miles more than half way from St. Louis to New York and I was only four days on the way. At the same rate I can do the whole trip in eight days. If there are no accidents and tolerable favorable weather I ought to fly over New York in five days at the most."

Atwood is still undecided as to the proposed continuation of his flight to Boston.

This morning, following arrangements hastily completed last night, Atwood was to give several exhibitions of flying. One of these was to extend to the Country Club, where the aviator was dined and toasted at the hands of the millionaire colony last night. J. H. Wade, Jr., Cleveland's noted balloon pilot, is an eager applicant for a ride in Atwood's Burgess-Wright biplane and the aviator may take him aboard as a passenger.

The attachment of Atwood's biplane last night by a constable acting for the Standard Oil Company will not delay his flight in any way. Bond, which he furnished, more than covers the amount of the claim.

It is expected that 50,000 persons will be on hand at Euclid beach today to bid the aviator good bye.

Indications are for a bright day with a fair breeze.

Lieut. Yates is Now Retired

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Aug. 18.—The retirement today of Lieut. Alexander H. Yates, of Maine, with the rank of Lieutenant commander was the first application by the navy department of the new law extending to the navy and marine corps a retirement privilege enjoyed by the army for many years. The act under which Lieut. Commander Yates, retired, passed at the last session of congress, provides that if an officer falls in an examination for promotion on account of physical disability contracted in the line of duty he shall be retired with the rank to which his seniority entitled him to be promoted.

NEGRO BANKERS APPROVE BANK GUARANTY PLAN

By Associated Press.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 18.—The National Negro Bankers' Association today approved a bank guaranty plan for 54 banks in the South whereby it is proposed to protect the depositors of the banks to correct any evil which may develop in the future.

The plan adopted is to raise a guaranty fund of \$25,000 at the start, that sum to be deposited in the Penny Savings Bank in Birmingham, Ala., for the use of a governing board to be selected by ballot of the various banks. This board will have authority to select an inspector who will be empowered to make examinations of all banks whenever it is deemed expedient.

The fund will be protected by an indemnity bond to protect banks entering into the agreement.

The fund for the guaranty will be raised through subscription of \$500 by each bank approving the plan.

SPECTACULAR FEATURE OF WAR MANOEUVRES.

By Associated Press.
San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 18.—The most spectacular feature of the war manoeuvres, which were begun Monday at the Presidio, took place last night when three government tugboats simulating the probable movements of a hostile fleet, essayed to run the gauntlet of the forts protecting San Francisco.

Attached to the tug Barrette, which brought up the rear of the attacking squadron, was a huge target and into this the guns of Fort Winfield Scott poured a heavy fire. Though actual firing of shells was limited, the Fort Winfield Scott "defenders" at Forts Barry, Wiley and Baker went through all the motions attendant on the attempted repulse of a hostile fleet.

Press Humorists Close Meet.

By Associated Press.
Boston, Aug. 18.—After a week of pleasure and sightseeing about this city, the funmakers of the country in attendance at the annual convention of the American Press Humorists Association brought their visit to an end today.

Before adjourning the members selected Detroit as the next convention city.

Author of "Lavender and Old Lace" and Other Novels Found Dead Today

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Aug. 18.—Chicago, Aug. 18.—Mrs. Myrtle Reed McCullough, author of "Lavender and Old Lace," "Love Letters of a Musician," "Love Affairs of Literary Men," and many other books, was found dead at her home last night and reports to the police indicated that death was caused by an overdose of sleeping powders taken with suicidal intent.

Mrs. McCullough's body was found by Miss Anna Larsen, her maid, to whom she left a note and a check for \$1,000.

She was 37 years old and was born in Chicago.

INQUEST INTO DEATH OF NOTED AUTHOR.
Chicago, Aug. 18.—An inquest into the death of Myrtle Reed McCullough,

President Taft Vetoes Farmers' Free List Bill

Family Drowned in Crossing Creek

By Associated Press.
Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 18.—William Hembry, his wife and daughter, of Princeton, Ala., and Sink Hill, of New Market, Ala., were drowned last night while trying to ford Dry Creek, near Maysville. The stream was swollen from recent rains. The party was returning home from a Confederate reunion at Curley, Ala. Hill's body was recovered this morning. The others were swept away.

WILL NOT SETTLE WILEY CASE THIS SESSION

By Associated Press.
Washington, Aug. 18.—President Taft does not expect to settle the Wiley case before the adjournment of the present session of congress. He intends to read all the testimony offered before the house committee which is investigating the department of agriculture and any other information bearing on the case.

That there may be some criticism of some officials of the department other than Dr. Wiley is the belief here today.

Dr. Wiley, who made the request for the records, explained that they were official printed registrations and decisions which had later been withdrawn and changed after the interested parties, the food manufacturers, had protested against them.

Asked what Solicitor McCabe had to do with deciding what was whiskey, Dr. Wiley said:

"I would rather let him state." "Dr. Wiley, describing his famous 'poison squad experiments,' said: 'I took up the experiments with borax first to get experience for what I considered more important experiments. I did not think.' 'I did not think it harmful when I began.'"

Dr. Wiley said two of his reports on these investigations had not been published. He said he told Secretary of Agriculture Wilson all about the proposed employment of Dr. H. H. Rusby of New York.

"I wanted him to know all the features of the case before acting on it," said Dr. Wiley.

After the secretary had approved, Dr. Wiley told of figuring out that \$2,000 was too much for Dr. Rusby and of having the secretary reduce it to \$1,600.

Again he denied that anything was said about Dr. Rusby working only 80 days a year.

WOULD FORCE AVIATORS TO FLY HIGHER.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Aug. 18.—Coroner Hoffman today communicated with officials of the international aviation meet, insisting that aviators be prohibited from flying too low over the heads of spectators in the grand stands.

There is a rule prohibiting this practice, but it appears that efforts of the officials of the meet to enforce it have not been entirely successful.

Mr. Blakney Agam Brings First Bale

By Associated Press.
Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 18.—The New York and New England special, one of the fastest eastbound trains of the Big Four railroad, was wrecked at Miami Crossing, near here, this afternoon, five coaches leaving the track. Many persons have been reported injured and ambulances have been sent from Columbus. The train left Cincinnati at 3:30 this morning, carrying many passengers from the middle west and south.

Mr. James A. Blakney of Providence Placed the First Bale of the Season on the Local Cotton Market Today.

By Associated Press.
New Orleans, Aug. 18.—A hen that persists in laying eggs on the family bed yesterday attempted to deposit her daily offering on the back of a summer resident, who would not permit his name to be divulged, but whose veracity is not doubted, as he lay asleep in his home at Waveland, Miss., a suburb. The slumberer awakened when he felt the scratching on his back, "shooed" the hen out the window and went back to sleep. Shortly afterward he was awakened again by loud cackling to find that his hen had returned and laid her egg where the first attempt was made.

Third Important Veto Message was Scheduled to Reach Congress During the Afternoon—The Message to Be Short.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Aug. 18.—President Taft's third important veto message of the special session disapproving the farmers' free list bill will be sent to the house this afternoon. The bill reached the white house shortly after 10 o'clock today and the president immediately set to work on the message material for which he has been collecting for several weeks. The message, it is said, will be short.

STRUGGLE OVER PRESIDENT OF TYPO'S UNION

By Associated Press.
San Francisco, Aug. 18.—When the warring delegates to the International Typographical Union convention settled down to business at today's session it was to renew the struggle upon the result of which the retention in office of President Lynch was said to depend.

The administration forces won a decisive victory yesterday when they defeated a proposed amendment that provided the barring from office-holding of any member found guilty of violating the law prohibiting participation in secret organizations within the union. The fight was reported today when the arbitration agreement and peace work subject were called up for reconsideration.

The new national officers of the women's auxiliary were installed today they are: Mrs. C. E. McKee, of Indianapolis, president; Mrs. R. J. Lowther, of St. Louis, vice-president.

TRAIN WRECK - TWENTY FIVE INJURED

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It is now reported that the list of injured will be about twenty. Whether any were killed, has not reported. A relief train with doctors and nurses has been sent to the wreck.

HEN MADE NEST ON BACK OF VISITOR.

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Big Amount of Securities Found.

By Associated Press.
St. Paul, Aug. 18.—More than \$3,000,000 worth of securities were found yesterday when the safety deposit vault of John A. Humbird, lumberman, was opened by his son, Thomas J. Humbird, of Spokane.

Passes for Georgia Editors.

By Associated Press.
Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 18.—The Georgia house of representatives passed a bill permitting newspaper editors to exchange advertising for railroad mileage. It was approved by the senate some time ago.